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At a recent meeting of the Leeds Chamber of Commerce a letter was read from the Foreign Office stating that a Commercial Attaché had been appointed in connection with the English Embassy in St. Petersburg, whose duties would extend to Persia and the Asiatic provinces of Turkey. This is another evidence of the growing importance attached by the home Government to the necessity of watching the course of trade in foreign countries and collecting information which may be of use to British merchants and manufacturers. Evidence in the same direction was afforded by the instructions issued some time ago to Consuls with reference to the attitude they were to take up in matters of trade and the fuller information they were desired to give in their annual reports on subjects of commercial interest. The apathy of British representatives abroad with regard to trade matters had been loudly complained of, particularly in the Far East, where the representatives of other nations actively bestirred themselves to secure Government contracts for their nationals. The principle of allowing an accredited Minister to act as tutor for particular firms is altogether objectionable, and has not been accepted by the home Government, nor would it be agreeable to British merchants as a body. But, on the other hand, it was felt that an unfair advantage was being taken by other nations, which should be combated as far as was consistent with the preservation of the proper dignity of diplomatic or consular representatives, and instructions were given to the effect that where contracts were to be given these officers should use their influence to secure for their nationals an opportunity of competing for them. The appointment of commercial attachés is another step in advance, and a very wise one. Appointments of the kind will, we trust, soon be made for China and Japan. The Minister at Peking has his time and attention too fully occupied by purely diplomatic questions to be able to give that attention to matters of trade that their importance demands. It is true that very excellent reports, displaying both care and ability, have of late been issued from the Legation at Peking, particularly while Mr. O'Conor was Charge d'affaires. But more than this is required. It has always been felt that there was not sufficient closeness of touch between the Minister at Peking and the commercial communities at the ports, whose only opportunity of addressing their Minister and discussing matters with him verbally, or otherwise than by the cumbersome process of official despatches, is on the rare occasions when he may happen to be passing through Hongkong, Shanghai, and Tientsin, on his journey to or from England. He may keep himself informed through the consuls, of course; but the knowledge and experience of the consuls are confined to the particular ports where they are stationed. A commercial attaché would presumably be required to travel from point to point within the radius covered by his appointment and to make himself acquainted with the trade of the country generally. Thus he would be brought into constant personal communication with the mercantile communities and would acquire a more intimate knowledge of trade requirements than a Minister could in the Legation at Peking could possibly do. The knowledge thus acquired would be at the constant command of the Minister, and through him would be transmitted to the home Government, not necessarily in annual reports only but an occasion might require. The home Government, it may be remembered, had no official knowledge of the now notorious Mirkiewicz negotiations until long after telegrams had appeared about them in the newspapers, and when questioned in Parliament on the

subject had to confess absolute ignorance. The subject was surely one which should have had some interest for the Board of Trade and on which it should have been as well informed as the newspapers. And yet the subject was one that the Minister apparently did not consider worth the cost of a telegram. As it turns out the Minister was right, for the bubbles burst completely, but at the time the matter was one that occupied a large place in the attention of the commercial world, and that might have turned out very differently had a different instrument been employed for the conduct of the negotiations. But the negotiations were conducted at Tientsin, the Minister was at Peking, and the Consul probably thought the subject did not come within his province, unless, perhaps, as calling for a few remarks in his annual report, which will see the light in the spring of next year. The incident, of little moment in itself perhaps, serves to illustrate the insufficient attention paid under the present system to commercial matters. It would be the business of a commercial attaché to keep his eyes open for all matters of interest from a commercial point of view, and the Mirkiewicz affair would not doubt have been esteemed such. But it would not often happen that he would have to report on gigantic bubbles of that kind; his duty would consist in watching trade generally and in attending personally and directly to questions of a commercial nature raised at particular ports, to keep himself informed with the various Chambers of Commerce, and so be enabled to place the Minister promptly in possession of full information on any point requiring diplomatic action, while his regular reports on the course of trade would supply valuable data to the British manufacturer.

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upon them as a display of malice, ignorance and untruthfulness. "The course pursued by Chamberlain," he said, "is a part of the Unionist scheme to baffle the Orange-men and have room and insult on three-fourths of the Irish people. The object of the Orange men is to have and to foment discord among the people." Chamberlain condemned the Lord Mayor, "would have done better to devote his eloquence to the furtherance of his suit with the Tory countess whose husband he had led to believe he will obtain at the price of his political apostasy."

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BERLIN, 14th October.

The relations between Germany and Russia are becoming more embittered. No mask is now worn on either side. An article in the *Zeitung* came out yesterday, which gave a full account of the restoration of the ancient Kingdom of Poland, consisting of the present provinces of Russian Poland—thus forming a bulwark between the aggressive Prussia and the rest of Europe. The *Kreis Zeitung* contends that Prussian Poland will soon be Germanized while Russia has failed to Russify her provinces.

The Poles, the *Zeitung* says, ought to look to the restoration of Poland as the support of Germany. Diplomatic intercourse between the two Governments is limited to unavoidable communications, which are exchanged with great civility.

The Czar will return to St. Petersburg on

the 18th instant and will go thence to Moscow. The official expectancy is that he will denounce the Berlin treaty, claiming entire freedom on the part of Russia to do his own pleasure. Consequently, the support of Germany in the dispute with Prussia is still maintained.

After the conclusion of the meeting between the two heads of state, the German workers made it their duty to cross the frontier and march into Prussia. They were received with enthusiasm by the Prussian Government; it is thought, will endeavour to effect a treaty with the Poles; resorting to the Belarussian and Romanian affair; the alternative to the events offered the Sultan being Russia's occupation of Armenia. This scheme presumed that the Sultan will be left isolated in the *Zeitung*, the Pope said that he still believed that the Roman question was discussed between Czar and Bismarck at Friederichshafen.

LONDON, 18th October.

The Dicconio-Gefälschte of Leipzig, the capital of which is 9,000,000 marks, has been in consequence of the fall of the bank, suspended. The value of the bank has increased by an enormous amount of gold and all the bank's stocks. Berlin exchange is 2 per cent lower. Berlin bankers are largely interested.

LEIPZIG, 19th October.

Bernard Sandbank & Co. had failed for 2,000,000 marks. Other failures are expected. The Public Prosecutor has commenced an inquiry into the failure of the Dicconio-Gefälschte.

BERLIN, 15th October.

There is still much gossip about the Czar in Berlin. One report says that Czar wrote in Prince Bismarck's name. I said in mine to the British Consul "piano"! The Prince was much pleased with his gift and treated him very kindly. Whenever Signor Czepi went out he had to wrap himself in the Prince's military overcoat, the very one they say that Bismarck wore during the last war. Czepi also wrote in the lady's album.—In this style of narration, where European peace is being worked for, these lines are left in remembrance of Francisco Czepi! Bismarck thinks that what he had written and said must be considered the preservation of peace his principal duty.

BERLIN, 16th October.

Several papers today state that the Government of the Crown Prince has resolved to re-establish the old rule from Austria by an edict. Captain Van Deodot of the Belgian army with command of the expedition is to be sent to the refusal of King Humbert's Villa Cetona to be reconsidered. His wife, however, wishes him to go to Malta. Indications of the serious circumstances that his son Henry, the sailor Prince, left Kiel yesterday to visit him, and that Prince Wilhelm, who is now in Vienna, will leave for Italy to-morrow for the same purpose, as well as many other indications of a small loosening in the relations between the Crown Prince and the Queen are not those usually existing between father and son, owing to their widely diverging political opinions.

LONDON, 16th October.

The Czar has left the pleasant palace of Idungsburg near Copenhagen, most suddenly, owing to an outbreak of the most malignant measles. Four children of the Crown Prince of Denmark are ill.

LONDON, 11th October.

A treaty of union has been concluded between the South African Republic and the new Boer Republic. Henceforth they are to be one State under one President.

LONDON, 19th October.

It is officially announced that the Niger districts in Western Africa, including the east line between Lagos and the western bank of the Rio del Rey and Niger Company land, are under British protection.

THE CONDITION OF THE CROWN PRINCE OF GERMANY.

LONDON, 13th October.

The latest news from Magdeburg leaves no doubt as to the German Prince Imperial's critical condition. Even the sister church of the late Emperor is deeply grieved at his illness.

New York, 14th October.

Dr. Wolfe Nelson of this city, who has just returned from Germany, says when in Baden-Baden a few days ago he was assured by physicians and other gentlemen who had trustworthy sources of information that the condition of the Crown Prince Frederick is unquestionably precarious. It is admitted now that he is suffering from a cancer in the third stage of development.

The case is very similar to that of General Grant.

In spite of official opinions consider the Prince already a dead man.

London, 17th October.

Dr. Morell Mackie, an English doctor, has advised the public to justify the alarming rumors in reference to the health of the Crown Prince of Germany. He declared the Prince healthy.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

LONDON, 14th October.

Yesterday afternoon at Coventry, Woodstock, and Gloucester, a large crowd gathered in the High Street for a meeting. The weather was wet and tempestuous, and only a few persons were present. The pace throughout was very slow till the ninth mile, exceeding 4 minutes 15 seconds.

Dubois, Dubois, and Madinger led alternately for and against the meeting.

London, 15th October.

William S. Caine, chief whip of the Liberal Unionist party, has written to the Government instead of in the danger policy of land purchases, to help the distressed Irish families to immigrate to that magnificent country.

Gustave Robert Kirchoff, the eminent natural scientist and discover of the spectroscope, is dead.

LONDON, 19th October.

Seven snowstorms are reported throughout Wales, greatly impeding roads and animal traffic. A number of houses were uprooted and several men and constables were severely injured. Several arrests were made. Among those arrested was one of the leaders named Oldham. I leave the General opinion that the lives of the poor and distressed are at the disposal of men.

The snowstorms are very heavy, particularly for another concomitant in Hyde Park to-morrow. Artisans are openly invited to assemble at the marble arch of to-morrow, and to bring arms with which to resist the police. Why, they treat us just as if we were bigoted Hibernians, was the remark of an imitator of George.

Fairbanks, a stock broker, of this city, has

proposed to the public that the rent of the square be given to the corporation for the use of the police, and to demand the charge made by the mounted police on the meeting in the park to-day as a flagrant abuse of power.

As was the case last evening, so to-night Trafalgar square is desolate and surrounded by a cordon of police, who refuse admittance to the evicted. The *Pall Mall Gazette* published a letter to-night from Plunkett, President of the Board of Works, in which he says that the proposed rent of £100 a week is a good proposal, and that the evicted will be given a half-mile radius of the square, who awake in the morning to find their porticos and gates converted into perfect pyramids.

GLADSTONE'S ENTERPRISE.

LONDON, 17th October.

On the 10th inst. the *Times* published a letter from Mr. Gladstone at Hawarden, a printed notice has been issued fixing a uniform charge of 18 pence for a small block or 3 shillings per cubic foot, exclusive of carriage.

BOULANGER AND KATEOFF.

LONDON, 19th October.

The Paris correspondent of the daily *Chronicle* writes that the late M. Kukoff and General Boulanger were of close connection. The Standing Council requires the necessary steps to be taken to protect the square and decide us to the knife. Probably Boulanger will content himself with proclaiming the league in aid about Dublin; also in one or two disturbed counties, such as Clare. For a few weeks the situation will be critical, as on the result of the winter's struggle will depend the question whether the Government retains office or appeals to the country.

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TO TIMBER MERCHANTS & OTHERS,
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Comprising the following WOOD.—
274 TEAK BOARDS measuring 7,000 cubic feet.
274 TEAK PLANKS 1,110 cubic feet,
especially selected for the Hongkong and
Shanghai Markets.

This cargo is in good condition and has not
suffered from submergence.

Date of Sale, Measurements of Wood, and full
particulars can be obtained on application to
JOHN ANDREW,
Agent, Standard Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 12th November, 1887. [128]

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE "MONOPOLE"
—HEIDSIECK & Co.,
Agents.

MONOPOLE Rep. Shai (medium dry).
Do. "seen" Rep. Port (dry).
Do. Gold Port (extra dry).

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Sole Agents for
MELINSON & Co., RHINE,
For Hongkong, China, and Japan.
Hongkong, 1st July, 1885. [128]

FOR SALE.

AT WHOLESALE PRICES.
SCAGNOLI'S SHERRY, PORT,
BLAIRET CHAMPAGNE,
HOCKS, BURGUNDY,
BRANDY, WHISKIES, ALE, STOUT,
MACHINERY, PIANOS, COOKING
STOVES, AND TRICYCLES.

PAINTS, OILS, VARNISH.
Apply to
W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Bank Buildings.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1886. [33]

FOR SALE.

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE
ASSURANCE COMPANY

The Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, are
prepared to GRANT POLICIES against
FIRE AND LIFE at Current Rates.

PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1885. [165]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to GRANT IN-
SURANCES to the extent of \$35,000, on first-
class risks at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1876. [12]

TRANSLANTIC LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Company, are prepared to
GRANT RISKS against FIRE at Current
Rates.

SIMMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [14]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents of the above Com-
pany, are authorized to INSURE against
FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. [16]

FOR SALE.

A Collection of about 400 UNPOLISHED
GEMS. Can be seen on application at
the Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1887. [43]

FOR SALE CHEAP.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are Prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS at Current Rates.

PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [17]

THE LONDON ASSURANCE
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS
MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST.
A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation, are
prepared to grant INSURANCES as follows:—

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Polices current rates, payable either here,
in London, or at any principal Ports of India,
China, and Australia.

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Polices issued for long or short periods at
current rates.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Polices issued for sums not exceeding £5,000,
at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1872. [13]

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES
against FIRE to the extent of \$60,000 on any
one Current Rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
Hongkong, 9th May, 1881. [18]

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above Com-
pany, are prepared to A.CPT. RISKS
against FIRE at Current Rates.

NETTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1887. [16]

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED), \$1,000,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

YUEN SUNG, Eng.

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FOR SALE.

THE BRITISH STEAMER

"ATHOL,"

OF 1,496 Tons Gross, 322 Tons Net Register,
and 170 H.P., with all her TACKLE,

APPAREL, and APPURTENANCES,

as she now lies in this Harbour.

For further Particulars, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1887. [2113]

J. AND E. TENNENT'S ALE AND
PORTER.

DAVID CORSET & SON'S

NEWCASTLE NAVY
Navy Boiled CANVAS.

Crown ARNOLD KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1887. [20]

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STANDARD LIFE INSURANCE
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REDUCTION IN RATES.

A REDUCTION in the RATES of PRE-

MIUM has been made on all POLICIES

from this date.

For further Particulars
Apply to

THE HORNO COMPANY, LIMITED.

Agents.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1887. [2212]

THE LATEST ADVANCE IN LIFE
INSURANCE.

THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

5 YEAR DIVIDEND POLICY

THIS Policy secures the insured the option
of terminating his Insurance at the end of
any 5 year period, and receiving for his Policy
a cash surrender value together with his
dividends.

If death occurs during the term of the Policy will
be paid immediately on proof of death, together
with a Mortuary Dividend of 5 per Cent. of all
premiums received during the 5 year period in
which death may happen.

Prospects and full particulars may be had on
application to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1887. [161]

MAILS EXPECTED.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. steamer *Rio de Janeiro*, with the next
English mail, left Singapore at 8 a.m. on the
11th, and may be looked for here on or about the
17th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with the next
American mail of the 29th October, left
San Francisco on that date, and may be expected
here on or about the 26th instant.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

The P. & O. extra steamer *King*, left
Singapore at 1 p.m. on the 10th, and may be
looked for here on or about the 17th instant.

The Shire Line steamer *Monmouthshire* left
Singapore on the morning of the 11th, and is
due here on or about the 18th instant.

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The China Shire steamer *Opal* left
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